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By Rebecca Palmore

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### For wine drinkers

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**\$500,000**

An 87-year-old Connecticut woman doesn't have to split her share of a \$500,000 lottery jackpot with the 84-year-old sister she hasn't spoken to since they began fighting over the windfall in 2005, a judge ruled Wednesday. Rose Bakaysa and Theresa Sokaitis stopped speaking shortly after Bakaysa refused to give Sokaitis any winnings from the Powerball jackpot, split by Bakaysa and their brother. A judge ruled Wednesday that Bakaysa can keep her share.

**700**

Free-speech lawsuits filed Wednesday accuse Pennsylvania police of wrongly charging hundreds of people with disorderly conduct for swearing. American Civil Liberties Union lawyers say they reviewed 770 such citations issued by Pennsylvania State Police in a recent one-year span and found most involved profanities and other legal, nonobscene speech.

**\$8 MILLION**

L.A. was poised to become the largest city yet to boycott Arizona over its tough new law targeting illegal immigration in a move that likely would affect some \$8 million in contracts with the state. The resolution being considered Wednesday by the City Council would bar L.A. from conducting business with Arizona unless the law is repealed.

## COUNT ON IT

*Some of the biggest talkers of the day, numerically speaking*



**12 ft.**

That's the length of a fish that a retired man in Sweden found Saturday on his way to a boathouse in Bovallstrand, on the country's west coast. Marine biologists have determined that the man found a Giant Oarfish—the world's largest bony fish—last seen in Swedish waters about 130 years ago.



AP

# 120 miles

European air safety officials proposed new procedures Wednesday that would drastically shrink the no-fly zone around volcanic ash particles -- a move that should decrease future air-space closures and travel delays. Daniel Hoeltgen, spokesman for the European aviation safety agency, said the new solution adopts the U.S. practice of imposing a 120-mile no-fly buffer zone for all aircraft in the vicinity

of any visible ash plume. This no-fly zone is hundreds of miles smaller than the one used now in Europe. Last month, a large part of European airspace was closed for five days when ash from the Icelandic volcano drifted over northern and western parts of the continent. It forced the cancellation of 100,000 flights, stranded millions of passengers and caused losses of over \$2 billion to the airlines.

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# Welcome to the endless bummer

The e-mails of spring:

Hi, honey! Dad says you're trying to plan a summer vacation. You deserve it! We're sure we don't need to remind you, but as we mentioned last Memorial Day, we're visiting this Memorial Day. Before we arrive, could you ask the Internet to make a map of mattress stores near your home with sales that weekend? We've worn out ours! Love, Mom

Hey nephew! Looking forward to seeing you June 5 for Jacob's graduation. Everyone (fingers crossed!) is pretty sure it's happening this year. If not, we promise this time to let you know before the ceremony. Cheers, Uncle Dave

Dude, s'up? I'm coming to town in June, either the weekend of the 12th or the 19th. I'll remember which the day before my flight. Assuming I can crash at your place? — Doug

Honey, I've scheduled back surgery for your father Friday, June 25—I'm sure he'll need it after carrying the new mattress upstairs. Keep that weekend open because he'll need company! — Mom

Babe, Todd's visiting July 4th. Don't freak out. It's been 15 years since we dated. He just wants to be fireworks with me. Kisses, G.

Babe! That was a typo! Todd wants to SEE fireworks with me, not there to BE fireworks with me. — G.

Dear Sir. We're confirming your colonoscopy for Saturday, July 17, at 9 a.m. Please see the attached, which provides details on preparation for the procedure.

Dear Great-Great-Grandson, Hello, my boy. My doctor gives me two months to live. I can't complain; it's been a good 137 years. Assuming he's correct, my funeral will be July 24. Love, "Triple Gramps"

P.S: Keep the following weekend free too, in case I hang on.

Babe, Molly and Steve are taking an Alaskan cruise Aug. 6-Aug. 18. We should do that sometime! Anyhow, I told them we'd take care of Bandit. (He's shorthaired so I don't think you'll be allergic.) Kisses, G.

Friends, We aren't Jewish, but we were inspired by another non-Jew, Sandra Bullock, and her decision to give her baby a bris. So, please join us Aug. 22 at Kabbalah World for "Bagels & Bris." We know Christopher is 3 1/2, but we're assured he'll be fine. — Trevor and Sandy

Son, thought Mom meant Labor Day, not Memorial Day. So, I booked a flight and now we're coming BOTH weekends. We arrive Friday, Sept. 3, and leave at 11:59 p.m. on Labor Day. — Dad



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Police say the man who owns this house on Landau Avenue in University Park shot and killed a 23-year-old man Wednesday after the man's dog urinated on the homeowner's lawn. DAVID PIERINI/TRIBUNE

## 'SENSELESS DEATH'

**Mother in shock after her son is killed while walking his dog**

### Chicago Tribune

A former Marine who neighbors say obsessed over his University Park lawn is being held on \$3 million bail, accused of gunning down a neighbor whose puppy urinated on the man's well-manicured grass.

Charles J. Clements, 69, had won the south suburb's beautification and lawn upkeep award but also was known for threatening people who dared to set foot in his yard, neighbors said.

Joshua Funches, a 23-year-old father of two, was walking his fox terrier, Gucci, in the 500 block of Landau Road on Sunday night when the dog lifted its leg and urinated on Clements' lawn, said Funches' mother Patricia, 53.

The two men began arguing, and at



**Clements**

**Funches**

some point, Clements, a retired truck driver, pulled out a pistol and pointed it at Funches, a Crete-Monee High School graduate who drove a bus, said Will County Assistant State's Attorney Sondra Denmark.

Witnesses said Funches then said to Clements, "Next time you pull out a pistol, why don't you use it?" Denmark said. At that point, witnesses said they saw orange and white light and heard a loud noise. They saw Funches fall to the ground.

"It was all over a little wooden plaque," said Patricia Funches, referring to the

beautification award. "It was a senseless death."

Clements then returned to his house and changed his clothes. When University Park police arrived, they found the master landscaper in his garage with the door open.

"I knew you were coming for me," he told police, according to Denmark. "That's why I changed my clothes. I knew you were coming for me."

Neighbors were shocked that such deadly violence could have stemmed from a minor fight.

Funches had two children, ages 1 and 4, with another due in August, his mother said.

Judge Marzell Richardson ordered Clements, who had no criminal history, held in lieu of \$3 million bail Tuesday on first- and second-degree murder charges.

He noted that Clements allegedly told Funches that he would be found innocent if arrested.

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One of Chicago's most famous females got a shine Wednesday in anticipation of her 10th anniversary at the Field Museum. The Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton known as Sue went on display at the museum 10 years ago this month, and museum officials anticipate big crowds at events marking the anniversary. AP

## Hail to the chef: Obama nets Bayless

### Chicago Tribune

Remember those rumors about Rick Bayless becoming the White House chef?

He's going.

Don't panic. The much-decorated chef will be at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. for one meal only, as the featured chef of a state dinner Wednesday honoring Mexican President Felipe Calderon.

"We were contacted a couple of months ago and asked if we'd be interested," spokeswoman Jen Fite said. "And, of course, it's a huge honor, and we said yes right away."

The dinner, for 200 guests, will use vegetables harvested from the White House garden, but not much else is being released about that night's menu because of security concerns.

Indeed, the Secret Service won't permit Bayless to bring any food prepared at his Frontera Grill or Topolobampo restaurants. Everything has to be made on-site.

Accordingly, Bayless will travel to the event with Richard James, his chef de cuisine at Frontera Grill, and Brian Enyart, chef de cuisine at Topolobampo. They'll cook for two days, serve the dinner and be back in Chicago the following day.

"We're a little nervous, cooking in a kitchen we've never worked in," Fite said. "But we're going to be bringing all of our Mexican flavors, and doing what won Rick the 'Top Chef Masters.'"

Even when it comes to serving Mexican food to the president of Mexico, the call goes out to Bayless.



Chef Rick Bayless. TRIBUNE FILE



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### 1 Oil spill investigation: Safety device failed

A key safety device known as the blowout preventer used in the BP oil rig in the Gulf had a hydraulic leak and other problems that likely prevented it from working as designed, congressional investigators said Wednesday in Washington.

### 2 Biden's son recovering

Vice President Joe Biden's eldest son, Beau Biden, the Delaware attorney general, was recovering in a Philadelphia hospital Wednesday morning after suffering a mild stroke. He is expected to recover.

### 3 Plant explosion kills 2

An explosion Wednesday at a hydro-power plant in central Russia killed two people, including a fireman, and injured 10 workers, investigators said.

### 4 Mothers to visit Iran

The mothers of three American hikers held in Iran said they collected visas Wednesday and hope to travel to Tehran by early next week to visit their children in prison.

### 5 Law limits test info

A first-of-its-kind law bars public high schools in Maryland from automatically sending student scores on a widely used military aptitude test to recruiters, a practice that critics say was giving the armed forces backdoor access to young people.

### 6 Man, 22, played on high school team

A 22-year-old man accused of posing as a high school basketball player in Texas was released from jail Wednesday. The school district said the man claimed to be an illegal immigrant from Haiti, but authorities determined he was actually a naturalized U.S. citizen from Haiti.



### WHAT HAPPENED?

The plane was approaching the airport in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, when it crashed around 6 a.m. There was no immediate word on the cause, according to a statement by airliner Afriqiyah Airways posted on its website.

Police and rescue workers search the site of Wednesday's plane crash in Libya. AP PHOTOS

# SOLE SURVIVOR

## 10-YEAR-OLD BOY A 'RAY OF HOPE' IN CRASH AFTERMATH

**7** **TRIPOLI, Libya** A Libyan plane carrying 104 people crashed Wednesday on approach to Tripoli's airport, leaving a field scattered with smoldering debris that included a large chunk of the tail painted with the airline's brightly colored logo. A 10-year-old Dutch boy was the only known survivor.

The Dutch prime minister said everyone on the Afriqiyah Airways Airbus A330-200 arriving from Johannesburg, South Africa, was killed except the child, whose survival was hailed as a miracle.

The boy was taken to a hospital in Tripoli and was undergoing surgery for injuries. Libyan TV showed video of the dark-haired child lying in a hospital bed with



This Dutch child is the only known survivor of Wednesday's plane crash.

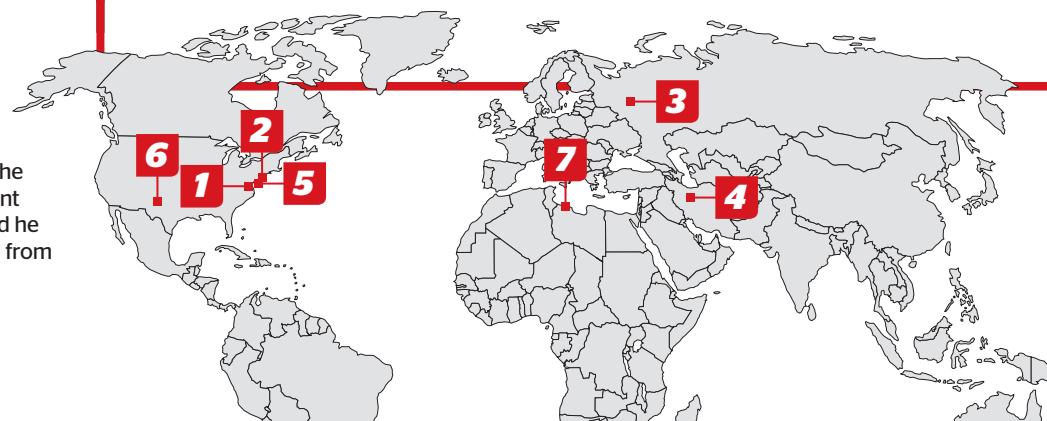
a bandaged head and wearing an oxygen mask. He had intravenous lines in one arm and appeared to be conscious.

The Royal Dutch Tourism Board said 61

of the dead came from the Netherlands, including many people on vacation who had been on package tours to South Africa.

Dutch flags were lowered and campaigning for the June 9 parliamentary elections was suspended. Hundreds of people phoned emergency numbers to ask about family and friends while authorities at other destination airports set up crisis centers.

"We are sad and sore at the thought of the more than one hundred passengers and crew who lost their lives," the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, said in a statement. "We thank God for the sole survivor. In his survival, we see that even in this dark cloud of death, there is this ray of hope."



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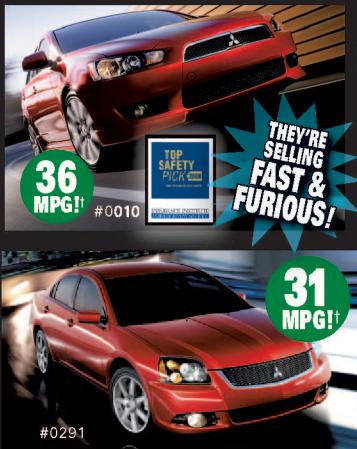
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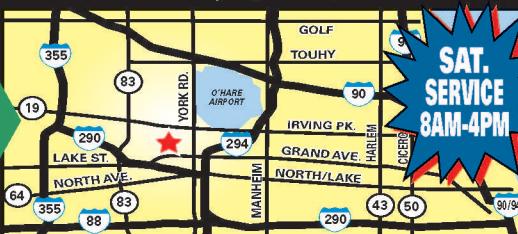
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# sports

## KING'S TOWN?

RUMORS FLYING  
THAT LEBRON  
JAMES WILL  
JOIN BULLS

### Chicago Tribune

One more Celtics victory over the Cavaliers on Thursday night in Boston and make room outside the United Center for a statue of LeBron James, who will be the best Bull ever to wear No. 6.

How quickly we forget Ronald "Flip" Murray's contributions from the Bulls' latest one-and-done playoff run.

Sarcasm is the only way to stomach the LeBron-mania that swept through Chicago on Wednesday after ESPN's Chris Broussard made the media rounds, including a stop on WMVP-AM 1000's "Afternoon Saloon," saying James has given thought to leaving the Cavaliers for the Bulls when he becomes a free agent July 1.

Sure, it could happen. And, yes, the Bulls will investigate James' interest, particularly after he made complimentary comments of both the roster and the city during the regular season and the Cavaliers-Bulls first-round playoff matchup.

But anybody speculating on what any of the prime free agents will do six weeks from now is doing exactly that. And that's not a knock on Broussard, who's plugged in, a friend and possesses a mean jumper himself.

But the reaction to his comments—made, in his words, "from talking to a lot of people around LeBron"—was about as accurate as a Murray 3-pointer.

Any league observer would agree that of the teams with maximum salary-cap space

this summer, the Bulls possess the most attractive roster. Derrick Rose is an All-Star. Joakim Noah could become one. Whomever is hired as coach inherits a team coming off two playoff appearances.

James leaving his home state—and roughly \$30 million on the table for a sixth year courting teams can't offer—still is considered a long shot. Obviously, a series loss to the Celtics would help. And there is word James might seek a shorter-term deal, so the \$30 million angle might be overstated.

James created another mini-stir during the Bulls-Cavs series when he praised Chicago. "It's an awesome city, one of the best we have in America," James said.

## KNEE-JERK REACTIONS

reaction to the reports that LeBron James is leaving Cleveland and the Bulls are his No. 1 choice.

### BRIAN MOORE

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Who wouldn't want to come here and miss the opportunity to wear winter clothes in the middle of May?



### CHRIS SOSA

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If he does come here, it's a good thing he's giving up the No. 23. Can you say awkward? I mean, we can't have people confusing him with Mark Teahen.



### BAG BOY

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I can't see The King in a Bulls backcourt with Derrick Rose. One guy who didn't go to college and another who might have cheated his way in? Only in Chicago.



## Let's party with the Hawks

Not since the 1985 Bears or the Bulls dynasty of the '90s have we had a group of characters like the Blackhawks. They're a bunch of young guys who look like they belong with the rest of us, roaming the hot spots up and down Rush and Division on any given night. That kind of thing ordinarily doesn't happen. But if it did, here are the Top Ten Blackhawks I Want to Party With.



### top ten chicago sports

**MATT OLSEN**  
[chicagonow.com/blogs](http://chicagonow.com/blogs)

**10 Adam Burish** Why do I feel like I'd end up in jail or chugging brews outside LaBamba's at 4 a.m. waiting for a burrito?

**9 John Madden** Yes Mrs. Madden, we'll have John home before curfew. No, that's not a limo full of ugly Canadian women in your driveway.

**8 Brent Sopel** If you've ever seen Sopel get drilled in the junk blocking a shot, you know he'd jump on a grenade for the group.

**7 Tomas Kopecky** Don't ever pass up a Slovakian bender. It'll make the most epic collegiate kegger look like jury duty.

**6 Ice Crew girls** That's right, I'm your typical male. But you and I know this is the most far-fetched scenario on this list.

**5 Joel Quenneville** Of course we'd do Vegas. Coach Q's steel-wool stache is so money, it does know it.

**4 Jonathan Toews** Silent but deadly, Toews is that sneaky guy of the group. He's there one second, gone the next doing Jager bombs with that bachelorette party in back.

**3 Patrick Kane** Picture Justin Bieber with a mullet and a mob of females surrounding him and you'll understand how Kaner rolls.

**2 Dustin Byfuglien** Flippy cup, you say? Buff and I'd be the deadliest combo since Billy Hoyle and Sidney Deane were hustling courts on Venice Beach.

**1 Antti Niemi** Don't worry, Antti, drinks are on me. After that Canucks series, you deserve every drop.

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## five on five

## Shark weeks

The Blackhawks are off to San Jose. Too bad we can't send Stanley's Cup along with them. [redeyechicago.com/5on5](http://redeyechicago.com/5on5).



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1 What do you know about the San Jose Sharks?	Very beatable, but my therapist says I'm being delusional. So I'm switching therapists.	I assume they're sponsored by Shark Bites fruit snacks. Fun fact: Those aren't made of fruit or sharks.	My buddy Dougie from college plays for them. Like the rest, he will be crushed by the Hawks.	They have the Canadian posse that grabbed the gold.	Their mascot S.J. Sharkie is only marginally less sucky than Vancouver's Fin the killer whale.
2 Where's your Blackhawks confidence level at?	Never been higher, much like Sami Salo's voice.	We're on an emotional roller coaster with no security bar. Get ready for loops.	One. As in "one goal."	Freeze Factor 10.	I feel unbeatable. Fill me with gas and set me on fire, I don't care!
3 What should the Blackhawks be thinking right now?	"After I eat asparagus, why does my tinkle smell funny?"	"Proof once again that Canada sucks."	"Goals. Goals. Saves. Goals. Saves. Goals. Stanley Cup. Cheeseburger."	How to braid their beards.	The next time I shave, I hope I can do it out of a makeshift sink made out of the Stanley Cup.
4 How could Starlin Castro's homestand debut get worse?	He could be making all these errors for, you know, an actual contender.	He could spill mustard on his shoes. What, like I'm the only one who does that at Wrigley?	Jock itch.	Alfonso Soriano could evict him—Castro currently is his houseguest.	He accidentally grabs one of Sammy Sosa's corked bats.
5 What's the next thing that's going to happen to Tiger Woods?	He'll stay home waiting for the cable guy and HE WILL NEVER SHOW! OH, THE HUMANITY!	He's the next contestant on "The Price is Right." Incorrectly guesses that everything is free.	Let me consult the Kama Handbook here ... yes ... there it is: Castration by farm equipment.	He doesn't make the cut at the putt-putt course.	The elastic snaps on his socks. Hate it when that happens. Nothing worse than saggy socks.

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# San Jose who?

## Get to know the Hawks' Western finals opponent

After two straight years of meeting Vancouver in the playoffs, Chicago has gotten to know the Canucks pretty well. They have become our favorite steppingstone on the way to the Western Conference finals. But the next hurdle on the way to the Stanley Cup is lesser-known San Jose. The Sharks are the No. 1 seed, as you no doubt have heard, but what else do you know about them? Let RedEye introduce them to you. **REDEYE**



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### SHARKS AGITATOR « Ryane Clowe

The physical Clowe led the team in penalty minutes in the regular season and has 11 fights under his belt in 2009-10.



### SHARKS GOALIE « Evgeni Nabokov

He finished the regular season in the top 10 in pretty much every important statistical category for goalies. He is no Roberto Luongo.



### HAWKS' RATINGS STILL SOARING

The Blackhawks' Game 6, 5-1 clincher over the Canucks was the Hawks' second-highest rated game ever on CSN. It averaged a 9.93 household rating, which translates to roughly 347,600 homes, surpassed only by the 10.14 household rating for Game 3 of the Hawks-Canucks series six nights earlier. The conference finals and, should the Hawks advance, the Stanley Cup championship series are available only through Versus and NBC.

### MINNESOTA 3, WHITE SOX 2

Denard Span and the Minnesota Twins picked up Carl Pavano this time, pecking away at John Danks before the go-ahead RBI single by Span in the fourth inning of a 3-2 win over the White Sox on Wednesday.

### CUBS 4, FLORIDA 3

Carlos Silva improved to 4-0 on Wednesday, pitching the Cubs to a 4-3 victory over Florida at Wrigley Field. Marlon Byrd's RBI single in the fifth snapped a 2-2 tie, and the Cubs wound up salvaging the final game of the series.

from news services **shortstops**

### SAN JOSE SHARKS

**Regular season record:** 51-20-11  
**Playoffs performance:** Eliminated Colorado 4-2; eliminated Detroit 4-1.  
**Stadium:** HP Pavilion, aka The Shark Tank  
**Mascot:** S.J. Sharkie



### SHARKS STARS

#### **Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau, Dany Heatley**

Recorded 89, 83 and 82 points in the regular season, respectively. You could call them San Jose's version of the Hawks' Big 3 of Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Marian Hossa. In the playoffs, Joe Pavelski leads the team with nine goals and six assists.

Hey, beardman

### DAY 30

Blackhawks Colin Fraser and Andrew Ladd are off to San Jose, but first they check in to battle RedEye's Jimmy Greenfield and Alex Quigley in a playoff beardooff. Who's winning? Text "beard" followed by the number of your choice to **87708** or go to [bit.ly/heybeardman](http://bit.ly/heybeardman).



**1. Colin Fraser**



**2. Andrew Ladd**



**3. Jimmy Greenfield**



**4. Alex Quigley**

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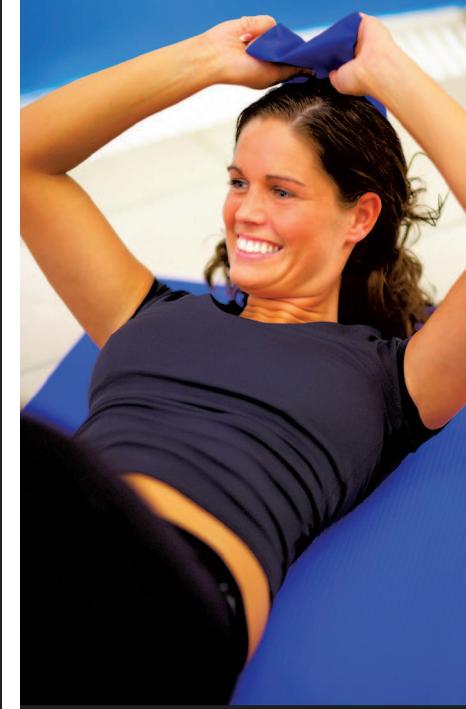
Go to [beardathon.com/blackhawks](http://beardathon.com/blackhawks) to submit your beard pic—and raise money for charity too.

### POLL RESULTS

**Ladd:** 51.2 percent  
**Greenfield:** 33.1 percent  
**Fraser:** 11.6 percent  
**Quigley:** 4.2 percent

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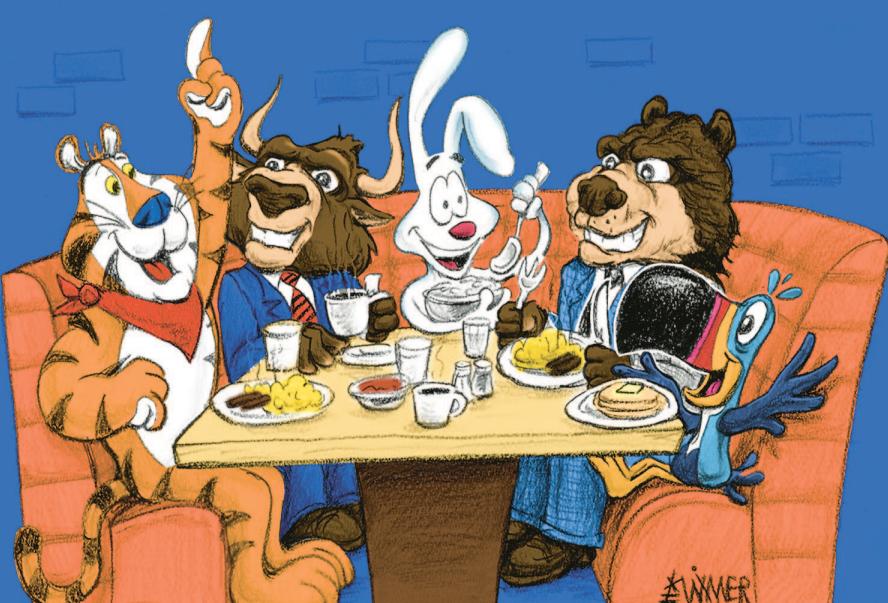


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# Tacky or totally awesome?

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TO DEEP-FRIED TWINKIES**

By Metromix staff

When Dos Gringos Trailer Park opened last month in Wrigleyville, the name alone made us wonder whether this “all fiesta, no siesta” party bar was tacky or if its so-bad-it’s-good Cancun theme was—dare we say—totally awesome. The jury is still out. In the meantime, we made snap judgments on other questionable cocktails, desserts and flying wine servers around town.



## Deep-fried banana-stuffed Twinkie (\$5)

Old Oak Tap, 2109 W. Chicago Ave.  
773-772-0406

How confident is Old Oak Tap in the utter awesomeness of this classic snack cake? That it's the only dessert on the menu should give you a hint. The formula is simple: unwrap Twinkie; stuff with fresh banana; dip in tempura batter; deep fry; smother in Oaxacan chocolate sauce. The result's a crunchy-outside, gooey-inside orb bathed in more gooey sweetness. The only misstep: the sauce, which is basically just melted Mexican chocolate, complete with gritty sugar crystals.

**Verdict:** Totally awesome. Sauce aside, this one's a no-brainer.

—M. KATHLEEN PRATT



## The Big Mel (\$24.95)

Dos Diablos, 15 W. Hubbard St.  
312-245-5252

We had high hopes for this record-worthy, nearly 3.5-pound chimichanga. But you have to jump through some serious hoops just to try the darn thing. This new River North bar and restaurant held such a hard line on its “take it down in less than 20 minutes and it's on us” gimmick that they wouldn't allow two people to share it—or even deliver it to our table sans pomp.

**Verdict:** Tacky. Set aside the shtick and let this monstrosity stand on its own.

—LISA BALDE

## Barely-there server apparel

Tilted Kilt, 17 N. Wabash St.  
312-269-5580

We often wonder how great ideas are born. Surely in this case, a random genius was sitting around thinking, “You know, I sure like Scottish garb. I’m also a big fan of short skirts and bare midriffs.” We tip our cap (and our beer) to you, random restaurateur, for making this Loop pub’s atmosphere extra appealing.

**Verdict:** Totally awesome. It's a tough position to defend—it's essentially the Hooters of Irish/British pubs, after all—but we thought it was important to be honest.

—ERNEST WILKINS



## The Juicy Booty (\$11)

The Crossroads Bar & Grill,  
1120 W. Madison St. 312-243-1113

Of all the drinks served in 32-ounce plastic buckets here, this sorority-punch cocktail (grape and cherry vodka-spiked juice) has the most bootylicious name. The bartender didn't bat an eye when we ordered it, but we sure felt outta place being the only bucket-holder in a sea of beer-drinkers.

**Verdict:** Tacky. It came with two straws, but since it was more than half ice, it wasn't enough for us to share with a friend who wanted a piece of the action.

—LISA ARNETT



## Aerial wine artists

Texas de Brazil Churrascaria,  
51 E. Ohio St. 312-670-1006

Should your eye wander from roving servers with flame-roasted meats, you may spy a bouncing bod fetching wine from the two-story cellar. Yes, the Brazilian steakhouse chain employs a bungee-supported bottle retriever for your amusement.

**Verdict:** Tacky. We're already getting our freak on with all-you-can-eat meat and a 75-item salad and sushi station. The over-the-top atmosphere should stop there.

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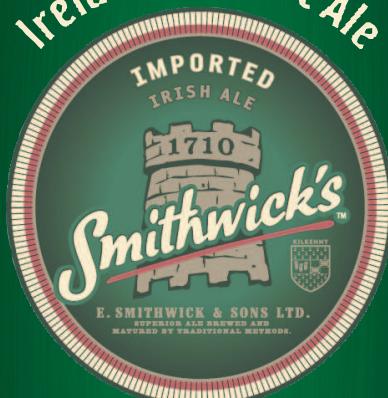


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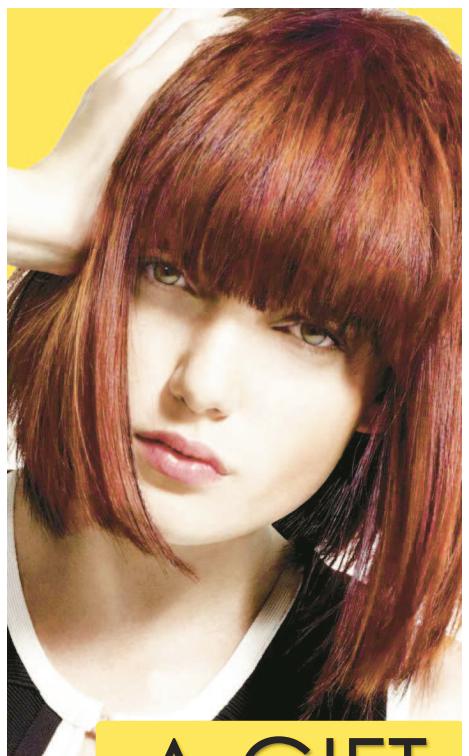
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**The National**

*"High Violet"*  
(4AD)

There's a reason you can't read a story about Ohio-raised, Brooklyn-based the National without seeing praise for singer Matt Berninger's husky baritone: It's awesome. It's also because the National delivers such restrained, haunted rock lullabies that Berninger's voice being the first point of interest is

inevitable. So it's a pleasant surprise that the band's fifth album, "High Violet," feels more immediately accessible than 2007's terrifically somber "Boxer" while still retaining the National's intense, dramatic command of mood. The band pushes forward nighttime drives like the soaring-yet-melancholy "Bloodbuzz Ohio" and "Terrible Love" with momentum that isn't quite urgency; it does, however, demonstrate looseness and a desire

to stand up where the band has previously ruminated from its seat. Berninger has a remarkable ability to turn sadness into catharsis, and his bellowing longing for escape on "Lemonworld" will stop you in your tracks no matter how busily you're hustling around town. Of the record Berninger says, "We started out trying to make a light and happy record, but it just didn't happen. This album is catchier and more fun than our other records, and bleaker in its ideas and themes." Though the National still can be too cold to allow you in, this is a chilling band that believes in wistfulness before triumph. You can be forgiven for dreaming not of getting a beer with these guys but of finding a place with a few candles, grabbing a scotch and telling stories in the dark.

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Dan Stock wanted to see his Chicago band, Bruiser, in RedEye and Metromix, so he answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire at [metromix.com/music](http://metromix.com/music). Do the same and your band could be next!

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**Describe your sound in five words or less.**

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**Tell us something random about the band (made up of guitars/vocalist Stock, bassist Clarke Mills and drummer Chris Balagot), and why that's significant.**

There's nothing good about who we are or what we do, but we play loud rock 'n' roll that kicks all forms of [expletive], so that probably makes it OK.

**Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?**

Who: Shiny Happy People. They taste better.

Who not: Brainy Smurf. He knows why >: \

**If the band were a '90s sitcom character, whom would it be and why?**

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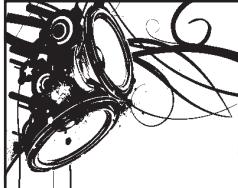
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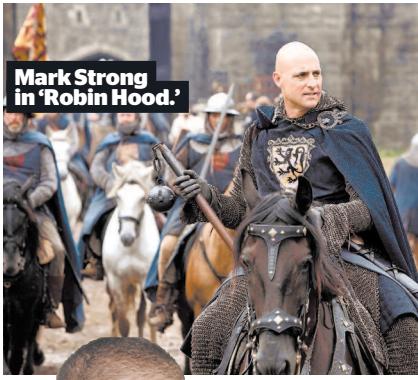
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### 'ROBIN HOOD'

(PG-13)



heft to legendary characters such as King Richard (Danny Huston), Little John (Kevin Durand) or Friar Tuck (Mark Addy). Russell Crowe, who can't pull off a British accent, mumbles all his lines as the titular do-gooder, who is so burly and unstoppable that his story doesn't seem like a common man rising up for the good of the people, just a case of the toughest guy in the land finally doing what he was always meant to. He never establishes much of a relationship with Marion (the always effective Cate Blanchett). Scott and writer Brian Helgeland don't know squat about comedy, which makes the occasional one-liner like "Why do they call you Little John?" seem particularly forced and out of place. The movie, which attempts to chronicle the origin of Robin Hood as he fought to defend the honor of England's people against the oppressive King John (Oscar Isaac), never feels British enough. Just because "Robin Hood" is brawnier doesn't mean it has enough emotional weight—or personality.

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Please, Hollywood, stop casting Mark Strong ("Kick-Ass," "Sherlock Holmes") as a villain. Forget what his name is: He's a really weak presence onscreen and never offers any substance to his character, Godfrey. That's a problem for almost everyone in director Ridley Scott's take on "Robin Hood," which presents all the appropriately leafy sets and sharp blades but delivers little

# Resident medieval

**Eschewing tights for leather pants, Crowe muses on Robin Hood's modern targets**

**Associated Press**

**CANNES, France** Relations between England and France sure have improved in the past 800 years.

Around the year 1200, as depicted in Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe's "Robin Hood," British King Richard the Lion-Heart lays siege to a castle in France, while the French later connive to wage an all-out invasion of England.

Jump ahead to Wednesday, when the English folk hero was guest of honor at one of France's top cultural events as "Robin Hood" opened the Cannes Film Festival. It opens with 12:01 a.m. Friday showings in select Chicago theaters.

Scott, unable to attend Cannes because he is recovering from knee-replacement surgery, said in an interview before the festival that he thought he might like to introduce "Robin Hood" with a quip to the French crowd: "Let me apologize for the end of the movie, because you get your butts kicked."

Co-star Cate Blanchett—who plays Lady Marion opposite Crowe's scruffy Robin Hood—told reporters before the premiere that she thought the "English come off worse than the French" in the film, which features the rumblings of rebellion against Richard's successor, King John, and a scheme by British traitors to smooth the way for France's offensive.

Crowe joked that an action by an obscure Frenchman depicted in the movie likely got "Robin Hood" the prestigious slot at Cannes.

"To have so much French language in this movie and so many diverse French characters, and also to tell the one simple truth that Richard Coeur de Lion did not make

it home to England," Crowe said, noting that past "Robin Hood" movies tend to show Richard making a heroic homecoming. "To tell the simple truth, that

this grand English hero, he was snuffed out by a crossbow bolt shot by a French cook. I think that is an important piece of history, and I think that's probably why we're opening the Cannes Film Festival."

The French Riviera's 12-day film extravaganza got off to a glamorous start as Crowe and Blanchett walked the red carpet Wednesday, even though "Robin Hood" is not being shown in competition. Fans were staking out a spot near the festival headquarters in hope of catching a glimpse of the Hollywood supernovas.

The media blitz comes at a convenient time for the action-packed film, which will

go head-to-head with reigning blockbuster "Iron Man 2" this weekend.

While speaking at a news conference before the premiere, Crowe turned his back to reporters, flipped up the back of his jacket and psuedo-mooned the crowd. He was joking, he said, but he followed the act by taking a jab at the media, saying Robin Hood might have a whole new agenda if he were around today.

"Would he be political? Would he aim at certain figures and try to bring them down? Would his aim be economic? Would he be looking at Wall Street and the huge sums of money that people have been putting them-



**Crowe stars as Robin Hood.**



Cate Blanchett and Russell Crowe in 'Robin Hood.' UNIVERSAL PICTURES

selves on the back with, and the subprime mortgage collapse?" Crowe asked.

"Or would he be looking at what you guys do for a living and realizing that the true wealth lies in the dissemination of information? And my theory would be: If Robin Hood was alive today, he would be looking at the monopolization of media as the greatest enemy."

After a pause, Crowe drew hearty laughs from reporters as he ended his remark with a cheery, "Bonjour."

Blanchett also earned some laughs when she teased Crowe about the lack of green tights in the film. She applauded the costume designer for not outfitting Crowe in Robin Hood's famous fictional get-up, adding that no one will be disappointed with his new costume.

"Just take a look at Russell's leather pants," she jabbed, "they're pretty fetching."

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«Cate Blanchett wore a gown by late British designer Alexander McQueen to the opening ceremonies of the Cannes Film Festival. The black ankle-length, off-the-shoulder gown, emblazoned on the front and back by a silver eagle in flight, was part of McQueen's pre-fall 2010 collection. GETTY IMAGES

## More Robin Hoods

Robin Hood has long been a cinematic favorite, dating back to 1909's silent film "Robin Hood and His Merry Men." With Russell Crowe playing the hero in Ridley Scott's new version of the adventure, "Robin Hood," opening Friday, we take a look at a few of the actors who played Robin. *L.A. TIMES*



### Kevin Costner

The Oscar-winning actor-director was at the peak of his popularity when he starred in 1991's "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves." What a big, big mistake to cast an all-American, boy-next-door Jimmy Stewart/Gary Cooper-type as the unmistakably British Robin of Locksley (one review said Costner was more Sherman Oaks than Sherwood Forest). But movie audiences 19 years ago didn't seem to care, and the film became one of the year's biggest blockbusters.



### Frank Sinatra

The Chairman of the Board has a swingin' time in the 1964 musical comedy "Robin and the 7 Hoods," which transplants the hero out of the English hood of Nottingham into 1930s Chicago. Ol' Blue Eyes plays a gangster named Robbo who gets involved in a gangland war after his friend and boss of the underworld (Edward G. Robinson) is knocked off by a rival gang. And his merry men are Rat Pack cronies Dino and Sammy.



### Errol Flynn

Errol Flynn achieved superstar status with 1938's "The Adventures of Robin Hood," one of Warner Bros.' first films in Technicolor. Dripping with sexuality, good humor, panache and swagger, Flynn's Robin of Locksley captures not only the derring-do of the character, but also the more dramatic side of his fight for injustice, uttering such delectable lines as "Men, if you are willing to fight for our people, I want you!" and "It's injustice I hate, not the Normans." "The Adventures of Robin Hood" has the distinction of being the only movie about the legend nominated for the best picture Oscar.



### Sean Connery

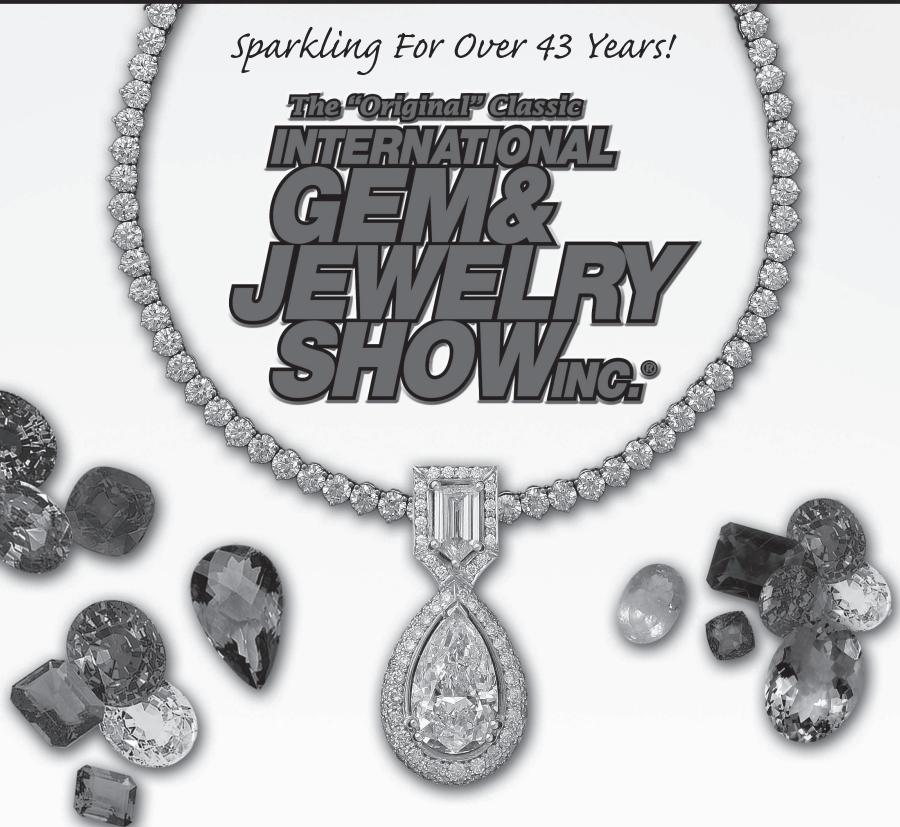
Though he was a few months younger than 46-year-old Russell Crowe when he played the venerable Robin in 1976's romantic drama "Robin and Marian," Connery imbued his Robin with a world-weariness and maturity far beyond those years. His bittersweet Robin returns to England after a 20-year absence to reunite with Marian (Audrey Hepburn), now a nun, and battle the vile sheriff of Nottingham (Richard Harris). Hepburn, who came out of retirement for this film, and Connery are beautifully matched as a couple.



### A FEW MORE MERRY OUTINGS

- » Douglas Fairbanks in the lavish 1922 epic "Robin Hood"
- » Bugs Bunny in 1949's "Rabbit Hood"
- » Richard Todd in Disney's 1952 live-action "The Story of Robin Hood and His Merrie Men"
- » Daffy Duck in 1956's "Robin Hood Daffy"
- » Mr. Magoo in the 1964 animated "Mr. Magoo in Sherwood Forest"
- » Jonas Armstrong in "Robin Hood," which aired on BBC America in 2008 and '09
- » Robin the animated fox in Disney's 1973 "Robin Hood"
- » Cary Elwes (left) in Mel Brooks' 1993 "Robin Hood: Men in Tights"
- » Mark Davis in 1996's "Robin Hood: Thief of Wives"

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Tim Kang (left) says his co-star Simon Baker is very playful on "The Mentalist" set.  
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## 'Mentalist' star Kang puts in serious effort

Tim Kang estimates that he's smiled a total of two times onscreen during two seasons of "The Mentalist."

His character in the CBS hit, Kimball Cho, takes his job as an agent for the California Bureau of Investigation seriously, focusing on the task at hand—busting criminals.

"He's cracked a smile in the past," Kang told me during a recent interview, laughing at the question. "But any time he's in the work environment, you're never really going to see him smile."

Cho is the polar opposite of the show's main character, Patrick Jane (Simon Baker), a rule-breaking, wise-cracking mentalist who can read people so well he closes cases that stump others, which is exactly why Cho puts up with his shenanigans. As the CBI team's chief interrogator, Cho wants to gain Jane's powers of observation so he can apply them to his own work.

Jane, Cho and the entire team made up of characters played by Robin Tunney, Amanda Righetti and Owain Yeoman will have to muster all their crime-fighting abilities in the May 20 season finale. Jane's nemesis and the serial killer who murdered his family, Red John, returns to taunt Jane by ruining his first date with supposed psychic Kristina Frye (Leslie Hope), who returns in Thursday's episode.

The Red John storyline has resulted in the series' most dramatic and surprising episodes, and Kang says this season-ender is no different.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Kang said. "We get to see who he is in a way that we haven't seen before, and it's fairly shocking."

And just in case you were worried that Kang, like the pragmatic Cho, doesn't smile much during the 16-hour days of filming "The Mentalist," Kang says he's having a great time.

"It's really fun," he said. "It's like hanging out with friends. The five of us enjoy each other's company."

» KANG TALKS MORE ABOUT HIS INABILITY TO READ PEOPLE AND WHAT'S COMING IN "THE MENTALIST" AT [SHOWPATROTV.COM](http://SHOWPATROTV.COM).

## Parks and Recreation

7:30 p.m. Thursday, NBC

!!! Rob Lowe and Adam Scott guest star as state auditors who threaten to shut down Leslie's new park initiative. I'm having a hard time forgiving Scott for leaving the Starz comedy "Party Down," but this funny introduction to the two characters, who will join "Parks" full-time next season, makes it a lot easier.

## DVD

**'Daybreakers'**

\$17.99 for DVD; \$24.99 for Blu-ray  
at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

Ethan Hawke stars in this tale about a strange virus that spreads across the planet in 2019 and turns practically everyone into vampires. There still are some humans remaining, but their numbers are diminishing as the vampires devour them. No humans around means no blood to drink. Can a blood substitute be found? The DVD has audio commentaries, a making-of featurette and a poster gallery. The Blu-ray edition includes those, plus an extended version of the making-of featurette and other bonus material.

DOUG NYE, MCT



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JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE



## WEBSITE

**[Bleep] My Kids Ruined**

on [tumblr.com](http://tumblr.com)

When I was about 6, I told my Mom that I wasn't going to have kids because they're too much trouble. This site proves that I was a pretty smart 6-year-old. Building off the "Stuff White People Like" model, visitors submit photos of the carnage their kids have created, including bodies covered in food dye and dogs covered in permanent marker. Shudder.

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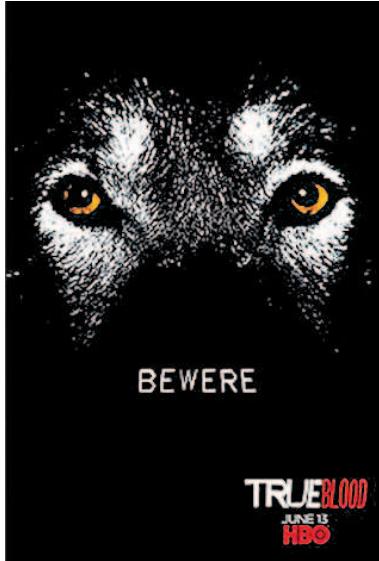
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## FACEOFF

# Are werewolves the new vampire?

The wolf pack is growing.

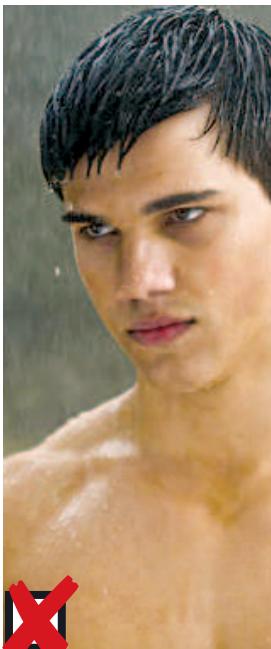
HBO has released the newest fan poster as part of the countdown to the Season 3 premiere of "True Blood" on June 11. Those haunting werewolf eyes seem to indicate that Alcide is going to be a prominent newcomer. Joe Manganiello, formerly of "One Tree Hill," joins the "Blood" cast as Alcide, the "were" who has been assigned to protect Sookie. According to [people.com](http://people.com), he's a possible love interest for the mind-reading waitress. Meanwhile, teen wolf Jacob from the "Twilight" franchise scowled a lot at the hated vampires in "New Moon" and in the next installment, he and the other wolves must team up with their sworn enemies.

So, who's cooler: the hairy beasts or the bloodsuckers? Faceoff time! **EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKAS, REDEYE**

## SEX APPEAL

There's no question Manganiello is a hottie and **Taylor Lautner** (Jacob in "Twilight"), although only 18, has the body of a Greek god. If only he didn't speak, he would be perfect. Robert Pattinson (Edward in "Twilight") is handsome, but the brooding vampire thing gets old really quickly. **Alexander Skarsgård** (Eric in "Blood") is wicked, devious and hot as hell. He smolders well.

### WEREWOLVES



### VAMPIRES



**TIE** The vampires and wolfmen are equally appealing.

## CLOTHING

The wolf boys of "Twilight" run around in the woods in jorts, so I can't really take them seriously. **Alcide**, in a still released from HBO, is wearing a flannel shirt. The vampires of "Blood" usually kick it up a notch with their wardrobes, even though they can "glam" people with their eyes and don't really need to look spruced up. **The Cullen family** of "Twilight" shows some flair in the wardrobe department.

### WEREWOLVES



### VAMPIRES



**VAMPIRES** They don't look like '90s grunge holdovers.

## LADY LOVES

The lovely **Bella** ("Twilight") has a vampire and a wolf after her heart. She is bland and mopes—a lot. Spitfire **Sookie** ("Blood") wears short shorts and can read minds. Eric is into her, it seems, and her boyfriend, Bill the vampire, is very smitten with her.

### WEREWOLVES



### VAMPIRES



**VAMPIRES** At least their girl Sookie has some fire and sass.

## OVERALL WINNER

**VAMPIRES** Those hard-to-resist vamps just get my, ahem, blood up.

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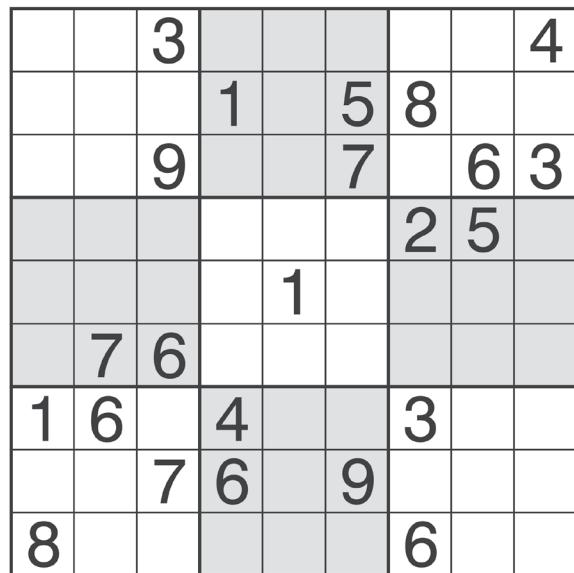


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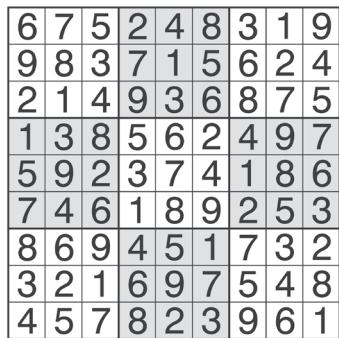
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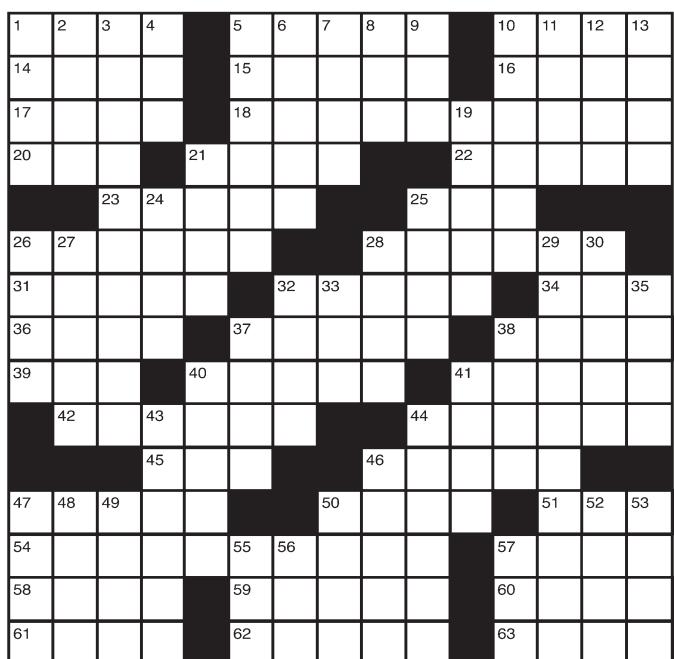


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- 18 Generous
- 20 Donkey
- 21 Grand Coulee and Hoover
- 22 Says "Cheese!"
- 23 Reviews a manuscript
- 25 Canister
- 26 Evergreen tree
- 28 Gorge
- 31 Check recipient
- 32 Naval Academy newcomer
- 34 Nickname for Margaret
- 36 Upper limbs
- 37 Danish dollar
- 38 Equal
- 39 Actress Leoni
- 40 Nose
- 41 Black-and-white mammal
- 42 Adders & asps
- 44 Poorly constructed
- 45 Commit perjury
- 46 Original New Zealander
- 47 Student
- 50 Out of control
- 51 Arrest
- 54 Off the topic
- 57 Just sitting there
- 58 Abel's brother
- 59 Cavalry spear
- 60 Action
- 61 Charity
- 62 Bury
- 63 Lemony drinks

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- 1 Father
- 2 Gets old
- 3 One who cares for and sells plants
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## Lil Wayne busted again

It seems Lil Wayne had "music contraband" in his cell in Rikers Island. The contraband consisted of a charger and ear phones for a watch that is an mp3 player, according to the New York Daily News. The items reportedly were found in foil and a bag in Lil Wayne's trash. He will be charged with an infraction for contraband.

## Better with Miss Betty

The MTV Movie Awards nominations are out, and "The Hangover" is leading the pack. The buddy comedy raked in six nods, including best villain and best movie. "Avatar" and "Twilight" follow with five, but the real winner, of course, is Betty White. America's favorite octogenarian got a nod in the best WTF Moment category for groping Sandra Bullock's lady lumps. Score one more for the elderly.

## Bacon and beauties

Donald Trump sure knows how to pick 'em. The Miss USA pageant has unveiled its judging panel for the 2010 contest. [Stylelist.com](#) reports that glorious skater Johnny Weir, Oscar Nunez from "The Office" and Southern chef Paula Deen will sit in judgment. It remains to be seen if bacon creations will be added as a category this year.



Sarah Silverman

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## The secret to sexy

What is sexy? Victoria's Secret thinks it knows. Here are some of the winners of its sexy list:



Olivia Wilde

Zoe Saldana



Carrie Underwood

Taylor Swift



Lea Michele

Ashley Greene



Scarlett Johansson

Christina Hendricks



"True Blood"  
(Anna Paquin)

Camila Alves

***"I find the new Justin Bieber video more violent and more of an assault to my eyes and senses than what I've made."***

— M.I.A., joking on [nme.com](#) about the controversy her disturbing "Born Free" video has generated.



Number of cats Katy Perry and fiance Russell Brand have. Their latest addition is Krusty, who joins Kitty Purry and Morrissey in the pack of pets, according to [people.com](#).